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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

**TYPE OF DECLARATION**

This declaration is of the following type: *(check one)*

- ☒ Original  
☐ Supplemental  
☐ Design

- ☐ National Stage PCT  
☐ Divisional  
☐ Continuation  
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**INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION**

**NOTE:** If the inventors are each not the inventors of all the claims an explanation of the facts, including the ownership of all the claims at the time the last claimed invention was made, should be submitted.

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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the specification of which: *(complete (a), (b) or (c))*

- (a) ☐ is attached hereto.
- (b) ☒ was filed on July 6, 2001 as  
☒ Serial No. 09/ 899,862 or  
☐ Express Mail No. \_\_\_\_\_, as Serial No. not yet known  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_. *(If applicable)*
- (c) ☐ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. PCT/  
filed on \_\_\_\_\_ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_. *(If any)*

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR**

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above, and that the filing of said specification, if heretofore filed, was authorized by me.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

**CLAIM OF PRIORITY OF EARLIER FOREIGN APPLICATION(S) UNDER 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d)**

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed:

*(List prior foreign/PCT application(s) filed within 12 months (6 months for design) prior to this U.S. application.)*

**NOTE:** Where item (c) is entered above and the International Application which designated the U.S. claimed priority check item (e), enter the details below and make the priority claim.

COUNTRY (orPCT)	APPLICATION NO.	DATE OF FILING (Day/Month/Year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 USC §119
			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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**CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. PROVISIONAL APPLICATION(S) UNDER 35 U.S.C. §119(e)**

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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PROVISIONAL APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE (Day/Month/Year)

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in such prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

(List prior U.S. applications or PCT international applications designating the U.S. for benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120.)

# U.S. APPLICATIONS

STATUS (Check One)

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# PCT APPLICATIONS DESIGNATING THE U.S.

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# 35 USC 119 PRIORITY CLAIM, IF ANY, FOR ABOVE LISTED U.S./PCT APPLICATIONS

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DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

SIGNATURE(S)

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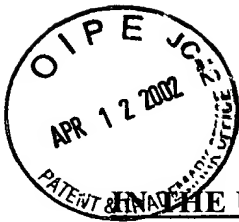
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Serial No.:	09/899,862	Group Art Unit:	3632
Confirmation No.:	3336	Docket:	577-516 (T&B 1632)
Filed:	July 6, 2001	Dated:	April 4, 2002
For:	HANGER BAR ASSEMBLY	<p>I hereby certify this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, postpaid in an envelope, addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231 on <u>April 4, 2002</u> Signature: <u>Julie L. Watto</u></p>	
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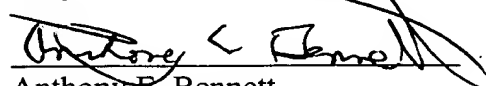
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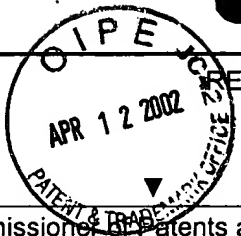
Transmitted herewith are executed Assignment documents and Recordation Form Cover sheet for Patents, PTO-1595, for the above-identified application. Please record the enclosed documents accordingly and return them to the address set forth below once recordation has been completed.

For any fees which are due or if an overpayment has been made, please charge Deposit Account No. 20-0776 or credit the deposit account for such sum. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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1. Name of conveying party(ies):

1. **Cong Thanh Dinh**
2. **Harsh Gupta**
3. **Mark R. Drane**

Additional names(s) of conveying party(ies)

☐ Yes ☒ No

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Name: **Thomas & Betts International, Inc.**

Internal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: **250 Lillard Drive**

City: **Sparks** State: **NV** ZIP: **89431**

Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? ☐ Yes ☒ No

3. Nature of conveyance:

- ☒ Assignment ☐ Merger  
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Execution Date: 1. **6/25/01** 2. **3/20/02** 3. **6/25/01**

4. Application number(s) or patent numbers(s):

If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is: \_\_\_\_\_

A. Patent Application No.(s)

**09/899,862**

B. Patent No.(s)

Additional numbers attached? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41):.....\$ **40.00**

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**Anthony E. Bennett, Esq.**

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Signature

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Date

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In consideration of the payment by ASSIGNEE to ASSIGNOR of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable consideration,

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ASSIGNEE:

Thomas & Betts International, Inc.  
(Type or print name of ASSIGNEE)

250 Lillard Drive  
Address

Sparks, NV 89431

USA  
Nationality

and the successors, assigns and legal representatives of the ASSIGNEE,

(complete one of the following)

- ☒ the entire right, title and interest  
☐ an undivided \_\_\_\_\_ percent (\_\_\_\_\_% ) interest

for the United States and its territorial possessions

- ☒ and in all foreign countries, including all rights to claim priority,

in and to any and all improvements which are disclosed in the invention entitled:

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and which is found in

(check and complete (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), or (g))

- (a) ☐ U.S. patent application executed on even date herewith  
(b) ☐ U.S. patent application executed on  
(c) ☐ U.S. provisional application naming the above inventor(s) for the above-identified invention.  
☐ Express Mail label No.: \_\_\_\_\_, mailed:  
☐ To comply with 37 CFR 3.21 for recordal of this assignment, I, an ASSIGNOR signing below, hereby authorize and request my attorney to insert below the filing date and application number when they become known  
(d) ☒ U.S. application Serial No. 09/899,862 filed on July 6, 2001  
(e) ☐ International application No. PCT/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
(f) ☐ U.S. Patent No. \_\_\_\_\_ issued  
☐ A change of address to which correspondence is to be sent regarding patent maintenance fees is being sent separately.  
(g) ☐ and any legal equivalent thereof in a foreign country, including the right to claim priority

and, in and to, all Letters Patent to be obtained for said invention by the above application or any continuation, division, renewal, or substitute thereof, and as to Letters Patent any re-issue or re-examination thereof.

ASSIGNOR hereby covenants that no assignment, sale, agreement or encumbrance has been or will be made or entered into which would conflict with this assignment.

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Letters Patent and said equivalents thereof which may be necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I/We have hereunto set hand and seal this

WARNING: Date of signing must be the same as the date of execution of the application if item (a) was checked above.

Date: X  
Date of signing

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Date: X 03/20/02  
Date of signing

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Harsh Gupta

Date: X  
Date of signing

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Mark R. Drane

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